

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Agriculture Department – Certain allegations against Sri D.Vijay Kumar, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Devarakond, Kurnool District –Disciplinary action was initiated – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIGLANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.712

Dated: 12-06-2008.

Read the following:-

1. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.No.84/RE/Kur/99, Dt.28-11-2001.
2. From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.Roc.No.Vig.IV(3) 110/2002, Dated.21-03-2002.
3. G.O.Rt.No.432, A&C (Vig.I) Dept, Dated.03-05-2002.
4. From the C&DA, Hyd, Lr.Roc.No.Vig.IV(3) 110/2002, Dated.29-07-2002.
5. From the Report of the Inquiry Officer & JDA, Kurnool, Dt.31-03-2003.
6. Govt.Memo.No.18676/Vig.I(1)/2001-14, Dated.09-06-2005.
7. From the Representation of Sri D.Vijay Kumar, MAO, Kurnool District, Dated.17-09-2005.
8. Govt.Letter No.18676/Vig.I/A1/2001-20, Dated.07-05-2007.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1075/RT-I/2/2007, Dated.28-08-2007.

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ORDER:

Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri D.Vijay Kumar, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Devarakond, Kurnool District under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 by framing the following charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE: “That the said Sri D. Vijay Kumar, Agriculture Officer while functioning as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Devanakonda, Kurnool District issued permits to the ryots of Ternakal Nellibanda, Pullalpuram villages of Devanakonda Mandal to take Groundnut / Sunflower seed on 50% subsidy from the Sales counter of APSSDC Ltd., at Yemmiganur for the Rabi 1998-99. The Mandal Agriculture Officer did not obtain signatures of ryots on the permits. He had also not enclosed the Certificates of VAO or AEO that were issued for identification of ryots, which indicates that the MAO did not obtain certificates from the concerned VAO or AEO. Basing on the above permits issued by the MAO which led to issue of irregular distribution of seeds on 50% subsidy by raising Cash bills for Rabi 1998-99. He has also not followed the guidelines issued by the authorities. Thus he has violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.”

2. The Charged Officer in his written statement of defense denied the charge framed against him. A regular inquiry was conducted in to the charge. The Inquiry Officer in the Inquiry report observed that the Charged Officer failed to produce material evidence during the Inquiry for establishing his defence of he duly followed the Guidelines issued by the Disciplinary Authority. The Inquiry Officer also observed that the Charged Officer did not produce pattadar pass book, certificates issued by Mandal Agriculture Officers and the Subsidy distribution register. Therefore, the Inquiry Officer held the charge proved against the Charged Officer and inquiry report of the Inquiry Officer was communicated to the Charged Officer for his representation if any as required under rule 21 (4) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. The Charged Officer submitted his representation on the findings of the Inquiry report The Charged Officer in his representation contended that he produced distribution register of 50% subsidy seed, proof copies of Pattadar Pass books & Electricity consumption bills of the consumers; and regarding the above fact, Inquiry Officer shown partiality in taking account of produced proof of said records and reported against him as not produced records in defense and therefore has requested for re-enquiry.

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4. Government after careful consideration of the Inquiry Report, and the representation of the Charged Officer and material available on record, have observed that the Charged Officer has failed to produce any records like the distribution register or copies of pattadar pass books or Electricity consumption bills of the consumers and no evidence was produced for evidence that the Charged Officer followed the guidelines issued by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad that, he even maintained and produced required records in support of his contentions and that in the absence of substantial material evidence produced, his contentions could not be taken in to consideration. Hence, the Government have decided to impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect against Sri D.Vijay Kumar, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Devarakonda, Kurnool District and consulted the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission. In the reference 9th read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has agreed to the proposal of Government for imposition of the above penalty against the Charged Officer.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment with cumulative effect against Sri D.Vijay Kumar, MAO., Devarakond, Kurnool District. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**C.R. BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri D.Vijay Kumar, MAO, Devarakonda, Kurnool District.
(through Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.)

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.
The Secretary to V.C. APVC, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER